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30. The composite material of claim 29 further comprising an adhesive positioned along at least a portion of said at least one edge of the second film that extends beyond the corresponding edge of the foam sheet.

31. The composite material of claim 30 further comprising a release layer positioned over said adhesive.

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-31 will be pending in the application. New dependent claims 28-31 have been added; no new matter has been introduced.

Claim Amendments

Newly added dependent claims 28-31 are directed to additional embodiments of the invention. Support for claim 28 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 4, lines 26-27 and page 11, lines 19-22 and 27-29. Support for claim 29 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 9, lines 2-11. Support for claim 30 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 4, lines 19-21 and page 10, lines 18-20. Support for claim 31 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 4, line 21 and page 10, lines 20-22.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. In an office action mailed November 5, 2002, drawing Figure 2 was objected to, claim 14 was objected to, and claims 1-23 were rejected.

Election/Restriction

In the Office Action, restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-23, drawn to a composite material, classified in class 428, subclass 304.4.